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(SBU) A/DCM delivered reftel points to MFA Bilateral Relations Director Dhafer Al-Umran on October 21. Al-Umran reiterated Bahrain's support for democratization in Afghanistan, noting that the success of the 2009-2010 elections will be critical for that process. While Bahrain would likely not be able to make a financial contribution, the GOB would look for opportunities to provide "in kind" support for the electoral process in Afghanistan.

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